

Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan Update



Regional Planning Officials Advisory Council Meeting Baton Rouge, LA

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Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions/Role of AC Dennis Decker, Chair
- Questions Before Starting All
- Issue Discussion Butch Babineaux,
CDM Smith, Facilitator
- Draft Vision, Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures Butch Babineaux,
Facilitator
- 2008 Review/Status Report Recommendations Dennis Decker, Chair

Role of Advisory Council

- Role

- Review Plan materials such as goals, performance measures, needs, etc.;
- Discuss and identify critical issues; and
- Review and update recommendations related to your Advisory Council topic area, focusing on policies, programs, and in some cases high-cost “mega” projects.
 - RPO AC has additional role of making/listening to Megaproject presentations

- Anticipated Schedule

- Round One – March 20-21, 2013 – this meeting
- Round Two – Late Summer/Early Fall 2013 – review of modal needs and investment scenario analysis process, and first draft of updated policy recommendations; and
- Round Three – Late 2013/Early 2014 – draft investment scenario results, policy recommendations and implementation of Plan elements.

Issue Discussion

- What do we mean by Regional Planning Officials as an “investment type”?
- Considerations
 - What is needed in the way of regional highway improvements/investments to achieve vision/goals?
 - What is going to change in the future that would impact regional highway needs in Louisiana?
- Initial list is for discussion purposes only – please add/remove/modify

Initial List of Regional Highway Issues

- Program Delivery/Funding
- Connectivity/Integration
- Changing Conditions (Population, etc)
- Coordination/Cooperation
- Other Issues
 - Condition of Assets
 - Efficiency/Mobility
 - Trucking

Refer to handout for more information

Vision and Goals Discussion

- Information presented is draft – developed from DOTD leadership interviews, legislative questionnaire, public telephone survey, and visioning workshop
- Review material through the lens of regional highway issues and comment on areas where changes may be required – especially related to performance measures

Draft Vision and Goals

- Vision:

- **Mostly small and medium-sized communities** with quality open space in-between
- But also **higher-growth, dense, compact urban areas** such as New Orleans
- Support **extractive and resource industries**, a major economic driver in the state
- Consider and support the potential for increased economic activity associated with **arts, entertainment, retirement and tourism as well as a research & technology** focus

- Goals:

- Infrastructure Preservation and Maintenance
- Safety
- Economic Competitiveness
- Community Development and Enhancement
- Environmental Stewardship

Draft Infrastructure Preservation/Maintenance Goal

Goal: Infrastructure Preservation and Maintenance

Preserve Louisiana's multimodal infrastructure in a state of good repair through timely maintenance of existing infrastructure

Objectives

- Keep Louisiana's highway pavement in good condition
- Keep Louisiana's bridges in good condition
- Keep Louisiana's other highway-related assets in good condition
- Assist modal partners in achieving state-of-good repair for transit, port, and aviation facilities

Performance Measures

DIRECT MEASURES

- Percent of State Highway System meeting pavement condition targets, by system tier
- Percent of structurally deficient bridges by system tier
- Condition/grade of traffic control devices, other assets
- Actual ferry operating hours vs. planned

INDIRECT MEASURES

- Percent of Public-Owned Airports meeting the State Standard for aviation facilities
- Percent of transit fleets meeting condition standard

Draft Safety Goal

Goal: Safety

Provide safe and secure travel conditions across all transportation modes through physical infrastructure improvements, operational controls, programs, and public education and awareness

Objectives

- Reduce number and rate of highway-related fatalities and injuries
- Reduce number of highway crashes
- Reduce number of pedestrian and bicycle accidents
- Assist modal partners in achieving safe and secure transit, port, and aviation facilities

Performance Measures

DIRECT MEASURES

- Highway fatalities and serious injuries
- Crashes/collisions involving trucks
- Crashes/collisions involving transit vehicles
- Crashes/collisions at rail crossings
- Possible safety-related freight measure to be determined by US DOT

INDIRECT MEASURES

- Crashes/collisions on waterways
- % of public airports meeting or exceeding PCI standards and state standard for lighting

Draft Economic Competitiveness Goal

Goal: Economic Competitiveness

Provide a transportation system that fosters diverse economic and job growth, international and domestic commerce, and tourism

Objectives

- Improve level of service of freight transportation throughout Louisiana
- Improve access to intermodal facilities and the efficiency of intermodal transfers
- Provide predictable, reliable travel times throughout Louisiana
- Improve connectivity between town centers and urban areas throughout Louisiana

Performance Measures

DIRECT MEASURES

- % of system with acceptable V/C ratios
- Annual hours of delay from incidents on freeways

INDIRECT MEASURES

- Number of freight bottlenecks addressed
- Possible freight transport efficiency measure to be determined by US DOT
- Percent of town centers served by arterial system
- Average travel times by specified origin/destinations in corridors
- Rate of return on state's investment in marine infrastructure

Draft Community Development/Enhancement Goal

Goal: Community Development and Enhancement

Provide support for community transportation planning, infrastructure and services

Objectives

- Cooperate with and support MPOs and other local agencies in development of plans, including comprehensive Plans, and programs to ensure consistency with statewide goals, needs and priorities
- Provide support to local governments to seek sustainable revenue for local transportation needs
- Reduce barriers to state and local collaboration
- Enhance access to jobs for both urban and rural populations
- Improve modal options associated with supporting the economy and quality of life

Performance Measures

DIRECT MEASURES

- Number of local comprehensive plans addressing land use and transportation needs, esp. mobility
- Anecdotal improvements to system accessibility

INDIRECT MEASURES

- Number of parishes with elderly and handicapped transit service

Draft Environmental Stewardship Goal

Goal: Environmental Stewardship

Ensure transportation policies and investments are sensitive to Louisiana's environmental issues

Objectives

- Minimize the environmental impacts of building, maintaining and operating the state transportation system
- Comply with all federal and state environmental regulations

Performance Measures

DIRECT MEASURES

- Annual tons of emissions due to mobile sources

INDIRECT MEASURES

- Percent of public fleets converted to alternative fuels OR gasoline consumption reduced by conversion of public fleets to alternative fuels

Homework Assignment

- Review Vision, Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures with your constituents or colleagues
- Email comments to Dan Broussard by April 15

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Previous Plan Recommendations

- Handout shows the 2008 Review and Status Report Highway Recommendations with initial update for current status. Some of these recommendations will be discussed at the State Highway Operations and Maintenance Advisory Council.
- Also shown are the Megaprojects from the 2008 report and an initial list of additional Megaprojects likely to be considered.
 - A responsibility of the RPO AC is to make/listen to advocate presentations regarding the Megaprojects and provide input to the Megaproject prioritization process.

Previous Plan Recommendations (cont.)

- Homework Assignment – review these with constituents and colleagues and be ready to review them at the next Advisory Council meeting in terms of:
 - Status – any changes you know of
 - Need for policy recommendation – is it still relevant
 - Need for additional policy recommendations based on today’s discussion and future needs that will be presented at the next meeting
 - Any new Megaprojects that should be added to the list

Closing Remarks

- Any other business/questions
- Information available on web – will be updated soon with Advisory Council summaries
www.dotd.la.gov/study
- THANK YOU!